

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1, 2 and 4-28 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended herein. As a result, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-28 are pending for examination with claims 1, 7, 11 and 19 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 7-28 have been allowed, and the indication that claim 6 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. In response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 6, and claim 6 has been canceled. As a result, all of the claims remaining in this application recite allowed or allowable subject matter.

Objections to the Claims

The Office Action objected to claims 4 and 5 because these claims depended from canceled claim 3. In response, claims 4 and 5 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as purportedly being anticipated by Uchida, U.S. Patent No. 4,792,834. Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections. However, for purposes of expediting prosecution, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 6. Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and is patentable for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. S1022.81095US00.

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